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1. A double Soviet sentry has been posted at the railroad bridge about 175 meters east of the Gerstungen railroad station since 31 March 1951. The sentries were seen patrolling in a circumference of about 30 meters around the bridge.
2. The Grenzpolizei Kommando in Berka, a group of 38 police, furnished a sentry at the Werra River bridge in Berka, another sentry at the bridge in Dankmarshausen, a patrol to Kleinensee and a bicycle patrol from Berka via Dippach to Dankmarshausen. Twenty-four hour guard duty was performed in eight hour shifts. VP Hauptwachtmeister Stamm, (fmu), has been in charge of the Grenzpolizei Kommando in Berka since 1 April 1951. He succeeded VP Kommissar Simon, (fmu), who relieved VP Hauptwachtmeister Stamm as Stabsleiter in Kaltennordheim. VP Kommissar Schein, (fmu), was PK officer of the Kommando in Berka.
3. On 2 April, border crossers told source that the road from Steinbach to Neufang was blocked at the Schusterhieb hill, and that a fortified defense system was under construction at the following locations: on the Schusterhieb; on the Blessberg near Eisfeld; at Gieshuebel, Landkreis Hildburghausen; and near Weinersdorf. Border crossers also reported that cement and bricks were hauled to these areas over roads which Soviet soldiers had blocked off.
4. Soviet guards posted at the zonal border west of Geismar belonged to a unit in Geismar which numbered about 40 soldiers who wore red-bordered crimson epaulets. Fifteen soldiers of this unit, armed with submachine guns and rifles, were quartered in a farm house at Pfaffenschwende on 1 April 1951. No patrols were observed and there were no signs of the establishment of air observation post.
5. A Volkspolizei Kommando of 60 to 70 police was also stationed in Geismar. About 30 police with an officer and a PK officer named Hildebrand, (fmu), were detached from the Kommando to Volkerode. Two policemen daily patrolled the road from Volkerode to Kella via the Goburg, and double sentries were posted on the Kella-Gräbendorf and Kella-Schwebtha roads.

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